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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY. After six (6) months suspension have elapsed, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel, can be reached at (703) 305-1998.

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